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Further information on UA 85/99 (AFR 54/06/99, 22 April 1999) and follow-up (AFR 54/07/99 27 April 1999 and AFR 54/08/99, 18 May 1999) - Fear of torture/Health and legal concerns

SUDANMohamed Abd Al-Seed, aged 53 - journalist

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Mohamed Abd Al-Seed, correspondent for the London-based newspaper *Al-Sharq Al-Awsat*, was released without charge or trial on 26 May 1999. He requires medical treatment for infected wounds on his arms and legs as a result of being severely tortured in detention.

He had been held incommunicado since his arrest by the security forces in Khartoum on around 14 April. Two other journalists, Maha Hassan Ali and Abd Al-Gadir Hafiz, also arrested by the security forces at around the same time, were released without charge on 23 April. No explanation has been given by the authorities for their arrests, though reports suggest they had been accused of spying for a foreign power.

**No further action is needed by the Urgent Action network. Many thanks to all who sent appeals.**